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<i>I Observe...</i>	<i>I Wonder...</i>	<i>Reminds Me...</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul began his sermon by focusing on their common spiritual heritage and beliefs. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if David realized how important his life was in God's plan? • if Paul ever thought about how similar his sermon was to Stephen's in Acts 7, following which Paul had consented to Stephen's death for preaching it (Acts 8:1)? • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of Stephen's sermon in Acts 7 in which he also succinctly traces the history of God's people and the unfolding of God's great plan to save mankind. •

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Learning Guide

Acts 13:13-43

First Missionary Journey—Part 2

Perga in Pamphylia

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in **Pamphylia**; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

Antioch in Pisidia

14 But when they departed from **Perga**, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the **synagogue** on the Sabbath day and sat down. 15 And **after the reading of the Law and the Prophets**, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "**Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.**" 16 Then **Paul** stood up, and motioning with his hand **said**, (Acts 13:13-15) [continued on page 2]

Pre-reading Anticipation Guide

- What events might you expect Paul to mention in this sermon to the Jews in this distant city?
- What Scriptures might he reference to support his points?
- How do you think the people will respond to his message?

Learning Chart. First, notice the three big areas of the chart on page 4 of this guide. Using that framework, read Paul's sermon to the Jews. Then, record your responses in the appropriate columns.

Use this study tool to (1) enhance comprehension and retention by very closely observing*, (2) increase attention/curiosity by wondering about what is said (or not said), and (3) make connections between **new** knowledge and **your prior** knowledge (reminds me).

"Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all" (1 Timothy 4:15).*

***Observe:** "notice ... perceive...scrutinize... discern" (*Thesaurus.com*)

***Meditate:** "to focus one's thoughts on: reflect on or ponder"

(merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mediate, accessed February 14, 2017). Consider, think about, contemplate (*Roget's Thesaurus*).

“Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. 18 Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. 19 And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.

20 “After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. 21 And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said,

“I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.” [1 Samuel 13:14]

23 From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus— 24 after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was finishing his course, he said,

‘Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.’

26 “Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. 27 For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. 28 And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. 29 Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. 30 But God raised Him from the dead. 31 He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. 32 And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

*‘You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.’* [Psalm 2:7]

34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus:

‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’
[Isaiah 55:3]

35 Therefore He also says in another Psalm:

‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’
[Psalm 16:10]

36 “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; 37 but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; 39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. 40 Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

*41 ‘Behold, you despisers,
Marvel and perish!
For I work a work in your days,
A work which you will by no means believe,
Though one were to declare it to you.’*”
[Habakkuk 1:5]

42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. 43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. (Acts 13:16-43)